

motion up to 50 feet away from the housing, and a flash attached to the housing and having a range of at least up to 23 feet;

receiving a signal from the motion detector indicating a triggering event and causing the flash to flash if necessary and causing the shutter to form an exposure on the film; and

ignoring any triggering event signals received from the motion detector until a pre-determined amount of time has elapsed.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2002, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 3, 10-22, and 27-29 are amended, and claims 9 and 26 are canceled; as a result, claims 1-8, 10-25, and 27-29 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 3 and believes the amendment overcomes the 35 USC §112 rejection. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 9, 12, 14-16, 18-22, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sommer et al. (U.S. 5,819,124).

Claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 12 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 11.

Claims 14-16 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 13.

Claims 18-22 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 17.

Claim 26 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 27 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 29.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes that claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 23-25 were allowed.

Claims 10, 11, 13, 17, 28 and 29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 10, 11, 13, 17, 28 and 29 were each rewritten as independent claims including all of the limitations of their respective base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612-359-3267) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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